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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: ITO  
Serial No.: 09/735,005  
Filed: December 12, 2000  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING DUMMY GATES...  
Group: 2811  
Examiner: GEBREMARIAM, SAMUEL A. DOCKET: NEC 444

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT F**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed December 29, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this Amendment, and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

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